

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-6 are pending in the present application. The Examiner rejected the pending claims in a final Office Action dated July 9, 2008 as being anticipated under § 102(b) by North et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,505,245) and maintained his rejection in an Advisory Action dated December 11, 2008. Applicant submits herewith a request for continued examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 with this Amendment as the requisite submission. With entry of this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 1 and 4-6 and adds new claims 7-10. In view of the Amendment, the rejection of claims 1 and 4-6 based on North is now moot.


In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032044900.

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